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## STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FOR OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT

*Representatives from the clean energy, manufacturing, and non-profit sectors  
herald the job creating potential of offshore wind development*

**BALTIMORE, MD (October 7, 2010)** – Today Governor O'Malley was joined by representatives from the clean energy, manufacturing, and non-profit sectors, each of whom joined him in [heralding the job creating potential of clean, renewable energy sources](#) like offshore wind. The following statements are reprinted from their remarks, as prepared.

**Malcolm Woolf**, Director of the Maryland Energy Administration:

*"Offshore wind has the potential to provide more renewable energy than any other resource in the region. In addition to creating or securing thousands of jobs, this proposed wind farm would represent a big step forward towards achieving Maryland's goal of generating 20% of our energy from clean, renewable resources by 2022."*

**James Strong**, Sub-District Director, District 8, Baltimore Office, United Steelworkers Union:

*"I'm proud to stand here today with Governor O'Malley on behalf of the men and women of the United Steelworkers Union. Offshore wind presents a tremendous opportunity to secure and expand the steel industry in Maryland and throughout the region."*

**Drew Murphy**, President of NRG Energy's Northeast Region:

*"We applaud Governor O'Malley for his strong leadership in advocating a clean-energy future for Maryland, including offshore wind. These major projects offer enormous potential for creating long-term, well-paying jobs in Maryland and the entire region, while the environmental benefits are just as significant. NRG is pleased to work with the state to help make offshore wind a reality, and we see genuine promise as the industry begins gaining momentum."*

**Brad Heavner**, Executive Director, Environment Maryland:

*"I am extremely pleased to see Gov. O'Malley pushing hard for the construction of wind turbines 12 miles off the coast of Maryland, which will create jobs, stabilize energy prices, and reduce the negative impacts of power plants on our health and the environment."*

**Mike Tidwell**, Executive Director, Chesapeake Climate Action Network:

*"I applaud governor O'Malley for his steadfast commitment to the issue of wind power and for his support of clean-energy legislation throughout his tenure, from the Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 to the recent Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009."*

For more information, [visit the Maryland Energy Administration](#).

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